

# FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL (FPC) NEWSLETTER

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## **JANUARY 2023**

Happy New Year to you all

### **Christmas Events 2022**

Christmas was once again a busy time with the Christmas lights and displays competition being judged just before Christmas. The winner was 27 Woodland Way and the second prize went to 8 Knowle Road. Well done to those residents and to all the others who decorated their houses and gardens for Christmas. It was very enjoyable to tour Fairlight looking at them all.

Christmas Cracker was a great success with eighteen people sitting down for Christmas lunch in the Village Hall and many more dropping in at some point during the day for refreshments and entertainment. Many thanks go to Carol Sharpe and her team for organising it and a special thanks to those from Village Voices who came down in the afternoon to lead the carol singing.

### **Warm Up Fairlight**

Warm Up Fairlight (WUF) continues to happen on Mondays in the Village Hall and on Wednesdays in St Peters. WUF is open from 10am until 4pm and you are welcome to drop in for all or part of that time. Refreshments are available all day.

### **Community Grants Scheme 2023/24**

The Parish Council business continues as usual and we have just launched the Community Grants Scheme for 2023/24. The grant application forms and guidelines are now available on the Parish Council website, in the document library. Please submit your forms to Pauline Collins, Proper Officer by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 if you wish to be considered in the first round of grants.

### **Budget and Precept 2023/24**

The January meeting of the Full Parish Council will consider the budget and will set the precept for next year, details will be available with the agenda for that meeting.

### **Achievements in 2022**

In the last year several Parish Council projects have moved forward.

- Faircomm, the new community hub has been granted planning permission and once the conditions have been sorted out, fundraising will begin. If anyone has any experience of fundraising and is willing to share their knowledge and expertise, please contact the Parish Council.
- We have obtained a grant for the new playground equipment and will be meeting with the companies shortly to arrange for this to be installed.
- Improved access to Wood Field has been installed following a grant from Rother District Council. This new pathway has been very useful especially with the recent muddy weather.
- The improvements to Wood Field will continue during the next year. The new hedge which was planted in the spring last year is growing and will need to have some maintenance done to it.
- A volunteer group has been formed which meets in Knowle Wood to carry out necessary work there.

### **The Bale House – Hastings County Park – Extended opening time**

Hastings Borough Council has granted planning permission for the Bale House to extend its opening time to 9 pm. However, HBC has also placed a restriction that no food or drink may be sold and no music may be played after 5 pm.

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